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**DATE:** June 1, 2006

**TO:** Energy and Environment Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2007 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan Update

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**SUMMARY:**

Staff will report to the Committee on the status of the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the South Coast Air Basin. SCAG is responsible for preparing the transportation strategy portion of the AQMP, pursuant to the Health and Safety Code.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, the State Implementation Plan (SIP) demonstrating attainment with the 8-hour ozone standard is due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by June 15, 2007. The SIP demonstrating attainment with the PM2.5 standard is due to U.S. EPA by April 5, 2008. The 2007 AQMP being prepared by the three responsible agencies (the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and SCAG) will address both these standards and will be submitted to U.S. EPA to meet the June 15, 2007 deadline. The draft AQMP is scheduled to be released in the fourth-quarter of 2006.

SCAG's role in the AQMP process includes providing transportation demand model output data to the SCAQMD for use in airshed modeling and vehicle activity data to CARB for use in developing on-road emission factors. SCAG has recently provided these data to the respective agencies. In addition to this technical data, SCAG is developing the written section of the AQMP which discusses the region's transportation strategy as it relates to air quality. In the coming months, staff will request that the Committee release for public review and comment SCAG's input to the draft AQMP.